Inadequacy of Staff in the reservation offices of the Indian Airlines

54. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an inadequacy of staff in various reservation offices of the Indian Airlines leading to a long wait for the passengers;

(b) whether the problem has been aggravated due to failure of the computer system at the Indira Gandhi International Airport; and

(c) if so, what remedial action has been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Central Computer of the computerised system located at Indira Gandhi International Airport has been functioning satisfactorily and has generally recorded an uptime of over 99.91 per cent.

(c) Does not arise.

Carrying of extra passengers by the Indian Airlines

55. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether carrying of extra passengers on regular flights has become a usual practice with the Indian Airlines which is being done in violation of air safety rules; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to end this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Whenever any case of carriage of extra passengers on Indian Airlines flight comes to the notice of the Aeronautical authorities, the same is investigated and appropriate action is taken on the basis of the findings to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

Ban on Sex Relations between the Indians and foreign visitors

56. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research has recently suggested legislation to ban sexual relations between Indians and visitors from abroad so as to check the menace of AIDS from spreading in India;

(b) what action has been taken by Government in the matter;

(c) what is the number of foreign nationals deported from India since 1986 on the apprehension of AIDS, their nationality and other details; and

(d) what is the number of persons declared AIDS patients in India since 1986 and the number of those who died during that period?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Enactment of legislation to prevent spread of AIDS in the country is a complex issue involving a number of Departments/ Agencies both at the Central and State levels and experts. The issues to be considered are organisational, administrative, legal, financial, social and ethical implications of legislation. Consultations have been started to examine the feasibility of screening persons belonging to the high risk category within the framework of existing laws and enactment of a separate legislation.

(c) 7 foreign nationals have been deported from India and their nationality with numbers is as under:—

U.S.A.	—	2
Switzerland	—	2
Spain	—	1
Canada	—	1
Kenya	—	1
Total	—	7

(d) 22 persons (including 15 Indians) have been declared as full blown AIDS cases.

Selling of property by ITDC

57. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Tourism Development Corporation has decided to sell some of its property;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the property which has been identified for sale, so far; and

(d) what would be the mode of sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Patient care allowance in Central Government Hospitals in Delhi

58. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether patient care allowance has been sanctioned to the staff of Central Government hospitals in Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any representation has been received by Government from JIPMER Employees Union to grant them patient care allowance; and

(c) if so, when and whether any action has been initiated thereon so far; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir. Hospital Patient Care Allowance has been sanctioned to Group 'C' and 'D' (non-ministerial) staff including Drivers of Ambulance cars but excluding Staff Nurses working in Central Government Hospitals and hospitals under the control of Delhi Administration @ Rs. 80 and Rs. 75 respectively w.e.f. 1-12-1987.

(b) and (c) The request of JIPMER Group 'C' & 'D' (non-ministerial) employees is under consideration of this Ministry.

Implementation of package of benefits for Doctors

59. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 304 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1988 and state what has been the response of doctors to Government's measures to implement the package of benefits offered by it in July, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): The various associations of doctors have pleaded for early implementation of all provisions of the package of benefits. Action on all the items except those relating to the promotion of Chief Medical Officers to the scale of pay of Rs. 4500—5700, placement of Specialists in the scale of Rs. 4500—5700 and referring the demands for higher start for Medical Officers and Specialists and three time